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INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS, AMSTERDAM

REFS: (A) STATE A-2508 (NOTAL)

(B) HAGUE A-146 OF 7/30/74 (NOTAL)

(C) HAGUE A-124 OF 7/9/74, AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. ON APRIL 4, 1975, GRANDIA SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR IMPORT CERTIFICATE TO DUTCH AUTHORITIES COVERING AMC 1010 WAVE-FORM ANALYZER AND RELATED ITEMS. MINECON IS PRESENTLY CARRYING OUT PRE-ISSUANCE INVESTIGATION. END USE ON APPLICATION FOR IMPORT CERT IS STATED BY GRANDIA AS "FOR OWN USE, FOR TESTING IC'S (INTEGRATED CIRCUITS) FOR THIRD PARTIES".

2. MINECON SOURCE STATES THAT DURING INITIAL VISIT TO IPF BY OFFICER FROM MINISTRY'S INVESTIGATION SERVICE (FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO IPF IS PLANNED PRIOR TO FINAL ACTION ON APPLICATION) GRANDIA STATED THAT IPF WAS SETTING UP FACILITY FOR QUALITY TESTING OF "BULGARIAN INTEGRATED CIRCUITS". TESTING FACILITY IS TO BE SET UP IN SUBURBAN AMSTERDAM HOME WHICH GRANDIA TOLD INVESTIGATING OFFICER HE HAD RECENTLY ACQUIRED.

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3. PRESENT VISIBLE IPF OPERATIONS ARE, AS FAR AS WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE, STILL IN WHOLESALE AND EXPORT OF FLOOR COVERINGS AND TEXTILES, ALTHOUGH JUNE, 1974 DUN AND BRADSTREET REPORT SAYS FIRM IS ENGAGED IN "IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ELECTRONIC AND

ELECTROTECHNICAL ARTICLES ...". IN FACT, IN 1973 DUTCH ISSUED EXPORT LICENSE TO FIRM COVERING ONE (1) LUMONICS 103-1 TEA LASER DESTINED FOR U. OF BULGARIA IN SOFIA. HOWEVER, NEITHER GRANDIA HIMSELF NOR ANY OF HIS EMPLOYEES (BELIEVED TO NUMBER 3, INCLUDING HIS WIFE) ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ANY TECHNICAL TRAINING IN ELECTRONICS, CASTING AT LEAST SOME DOUBT ON ABILITY OF FIRM TO CARRY OUT IN FACT THE PLANS FOR SETTING UP A TESTING FACILITY.

4. EMBASSY QUESTIONS BONA FIDES OF IPF APPLICATIONS, WHICH DOUBT IS SHARED BY SOME AT MINECON. MINISTRY, HOWEVER, MAY FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DENY IPF APPLICATION FOR IMPORT CERT UNLESS IT CAN PROVE INTENT OR LIKELIHOOD OF DIVERSION.

5. EMBASSY HAS NOT EXPLORED WITH DUTCH THE QUESTION OF APPARENT CIRCUMVENTION OF SPIRIT, IF NOT LETTER, OF STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS THAT IPF'S CONTEMPLATED IC TESTING OPERATION MIGHT REPRESENT. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT/USDOC VIEWS.

6. WE ARE INCLINED AT THIS POINT TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF US EXPORT LICENSE TO AVIATECH IN THIS INSTANCE, BUT PREFER TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF DUTCH INVESTIGATION.
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